

WEATHER RADIOS SAVE LIVES

Thunderstorms, tornadoes, floods, hurricanes, bomb scares, chemical spills and wildfires. These are just a few of the potential hazards that residents can face in Sumter County.

Having a battery operated, tone-alert NOAA Weather Radio in your home is like having your own personal tornado siren-only it will alert you of all these impending dangers. In every Sumter County home, a NOAA Weather Radio should be as common as a smoke detector.

A weather radio provides National Weather Service warnings, watches, forecasts and other non-weather related hazard information specific for Sumter County, 24 hours a day. During an emergency, the weather service forecasters interrupt routine broadcasts and send a special tone activating local weather radios. Weather radios equipped with a special alarm tone feature sound an alert to give you immediate information about a life-threatening situation.

Local Frequencies

Transmitter	VHF Frequency
Inverness	162.400
Sumterville	162.500

Local SAME Codes

(Specific Area Message Encoding)

County	SAME Code
Sumter	012119
Citrus	012017
Hernando	012059
Lake	012069
Marion	012083
Pasco	012101

STOCK A DISASTER SUPPLY KIT

When a disaster strikes, it may not leave your family much time to prepare. After a disaster, local emergency officials and relief workers will be on the scene, but they will not be able to reach everyone immediately. It could take hours or even days before help can get to your neighborhood. Preparing a disaster supply kit will help your family better cope with the situation. Some necessary items in every disaster supply kit include:

- One gallon of water per person, per day for five days
- Enough non-perishable food for the household for at least five days
- A non-electric can opener, cooking tools and fuel, paper plates and towels, and plastic utensils and cups
- Toiletries, such as toothpaste and brush, deodorant and soap, shaving equipment, personal hygiene supplies, shampoo, wash cloth and towel, and toilet paper
- Garbage bags, re-sealable plastic bags and tarps
- Supplies for senior citizens, including special dietary considerations and incontinence pads
- At least a two-week supply of prescribed family medicines, as well as a typical first-aid kit with bandages, antibiotic cream, headache medicine and antacids
- Battery-powered NOAA weather radio, HDTV and flashlight, and extra batteries
- A waterproof container with extra cash and important documents, such as insurance, bank account and Social Security Cards



- Blankets, pillows, extra clothing
- A list of important phone numbers, including the family’s local pharmacy, doctors, and designated contacts the family can call in case of an emergency
- Camera to record damage to property
- A change of clothes, rain gear and hard sole shoes
- Pet supplies, including food, water and medicines

CREATE A FAMILY DISASTER PLAN

When a disaster strikes, there may not be much time to act. Preparing now for an emergency will give you and your family time to react safely and in a will thought-out manner. A plan of action for you and your family can go a long way toward reducing potential suffering from any type of disaster that could strike. A few tips to preparing a family disaster plan include:

- Plans should be kept simple. The best emergency plans are those that are easy to remember
- If you must evacuate your home, it is always best to take your pets with you. Plan for them
- Be familiar with escape routes in case you need to evacuate your neighborhood. Plan several escape routes for different situations. Find the safe spots in your home for each type of disaster. Instruct household members to turn on the radio or television for emergency information
- Select a calling point, possibly a friend or relative, where family members can contact, if they are separated from the rest of the family
- Learn post emergency phone numbers and information
- Take a basic first aid and CPR class
- Stock a disaster supply kit

GET NOTIFIED BEFORE THE STORM

The Sumter County Emergency Management office has raised the bar in public safety by taking extra steps to safeguard the lives and property of the citizens of Sumter County through the purchase of the CodeRED Emergency Notification System and Weather Warning.

The system will be used to send critical communications, from evacuation notices to missing child alerts. Also purchased, was a Severe Weather Warning system. Moments after a severe thunderstorm, flash flood, or tornado warning has been issued by the National Weather Service, you will receive a phone call with a message regarding the issued warning.

To register, visit www.SumterCountyFL.gov, go to the Emergency Management page, and click on the CodeRED logo!



FOR MORE PREPAREDNESS INFORMATION

Visit the Florida Division of Emergency Management’s homepage at: www.FloridaDisaster.org

Find information for preparing your home for all hazards, as well as disaster information and what to do before, during, and after a storm.

SPECIAL NEEDS

If you, or someone in your family, may be considered “special needs”, please consider registering for our evacuation program on our website, or use the QR Code to the right.



For more information on how to prepare, visit our website at www.SumterCountyFL.Gov, and go to the **Emergency Management** page, or call (352) 569-1660

